

Face of her boy. He recognized her and pleaded for help. Rushing to the street Mrs. Spring secured a step-ladder and placed it against the window. Climbing up she reached for her boy. She caught him by the hair. It burned off in her hands and the lad fell back into the flames.

Back Door Was Locked.

The statement that the back door of the building was locked is made by Walter C. Kelley, the editor of the sporting department of the Cleveland Leader, two of whose children were killed.

As soon as the alarm was given Mrs. Kelley ran from her home, which is not far from the schoolhouse, to the burning building. The front portion of the structure was a mass of flames, and from the windows and doors the flames and dying children which reached them from the death trap at the foot of the first flight of stairs, and behind that closed door, Mrs. Kelley ran to the rear, hoping to effect an entrance there, and save her children.

She was joined by a man whose name is not known, and the two of them tugged and pulled frantically at the door. They were unable to move it in the slightest, and there was nothing at hand by which they could hope to break it down. In utter despair of saving any of the children, they turned their attention to the windows, and by smashing some of these they managed to save a few of the pupils.

"They could have saved many more," said Mr. Kelley to-night. If the door had not been locked. Nobody knows how many of the children might have been saved had the door not been locked. If half a dozen men had been there when my wife and her companion arrived at the schoolhouse perhaps they might have broken down the door, but the two could do nothing, and the flames spread so rapidly that it was all over in a few minutes.

Parents Were Frantic.

The suburb of Collinwood contains about 8,000 people, and within a half hour after the outbreak of the fire nearly every one of them was around the blazing ruins of the schoolhouse, hundreds of parents fighting frantically to save the lives of their children caught in the burning building.

The police were utterly unable, through lack of numbers, to keep away the crowd that pressed upon the scene, and the situation soon became so serious that a number of the more cool-headed in the throng took it upon themselves to aid in fighting back the crowds, while others worked to help the firemen and the police.

Could Not Save Child.

Among the latter men was Wallace Upton, who reached the building shortly after the front door had been closed, and disclosed to the horror-stricken crowd the awful scenes that had been enacted there.

Just in front of Upton's eyes was his own ten-year-old daughter, helpless in the crush, badly burned and trampled upon, but still alive. The fire was close upon her. Upton sprang to help her, and with all his strength sought to tear her from the weight that was pressing her down and from the flames which were creeping close. He fought on until his clothing was partly burned from him and the skin of his face and hands was scorched black. Other men attempted to induce him to move, but he refused until he saw that his girl was dead, and that he could not save her life by sacrificing his own. Although so seriously injured that he might die, he lingered about the place for several hours.

The flames spread with such terrific rapidity that within thirty minutes from the time the fire started, the school house was nothing but a few blackened walls, surrounding a cellar filled with corpses and debris.

State the Bodies Out.

The firemen dashed into the blazing wreckage, and with rakes, forks, shovels and their bare hands, worked in the most frantic manner, with the hope of saving a few more lives. They were unsuccessful, for none were taken alive from the ruins after the flames collapsed. Fragments of incinerated limbs, skulls and bones were found almost at every turn, and these things were piled together in a little heap alongside of the building.

The great majority of the little bodies that were taken from the ruins were burned beyond all possible recognition. Positive identification of many of the children will never be made.

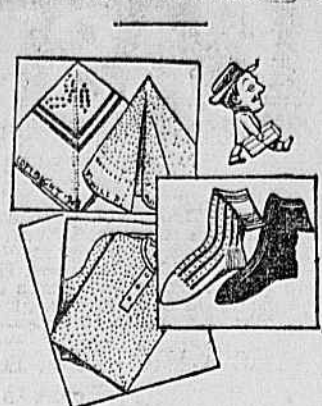
Besides the children who were killed inside the building, three little girls, Mary Ridgeway, Anna Roth and Gertrude Davis, were instantly killed by leaping from the attic to the ground. Miss Ethel Rose, a teacher on the first floor of the building, whose pupils were the youngest in the school, managed to get all but three of her charges out of the building in safety. Two of the smaller ones she carried in her arms.

Miss Anna Moran, the principal of the school, and two of the teachers, Miss Gollmar and Miss Towley, escaped by one of the windows in the rear. They remained with the panic-stricken children until they could do no more for them, and then sought their own safety.

Saves Her Little Tots.

Mrs. Laura Bodley, the only teacher on the third floor, formed her pupils in line and marched them down to the second floor, where, finding the flames rushing up the stairway, she turned

"Hurry for Clothes"



If you've heard of or seen some particular thing in furnishings, don't hunt round for it, but come right here.

If it's a new thing that's good, we have it. And we may be able to show you some new designs that have never before come to your notice.

Spring things are in.

Just opened up the new shirts for spring. Every worthy style and shade has a showing, and every taste may be delightfully gratified. \$1 to \$3.80.

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them around and hurried them back again to the third floor. She here broke a window with a chair, and getting onto the platform of the fire escape, helped out her pupils one by one and sent them down. Four or five children who broke from the line she had formed and ran down the stairway were killed.

One of the heroines of the catastrophe was little Marian Williams. She ran through the smoke-filled halls and grasped her little brother, whom she managed to drag from the room and take out through a window, both of them being nearly strangled with smoke.

Tried in Vain to Help.

Miss Gollmar said: "It was awful. I can see the few things in my room holding out their tiny arms and crying to me to help them. Their voices are ringing in my ears yet, and I shall never forget them. When the alarm rang I started the pupils to marching from the building. When we started down the front stairs we were met by a solid wall of flame and clouds of dense smoke. We retreated, and when we turned the children became panic-stricken and I could not do anything with them. They became jammed in the narrow stairway, and I knew that the only thing for me to do was to get around to the rear door if possible and help those who were near the entrance. When I got there, after climbing out of a window, the children were so crowded in the narrow passageway that I could not pull even one of them out.

Those behind pushed forward, and as I stood there the little ones piled upon one another. Those who could stretched out their arms to me, and cried for me to help them. I tried with all my might to pull them out and stayed there until the flames drove me away."

At midnight there were 165 bodies in the morgue, of which 163 had been identified and fifty-seven were still unknown.

It is possible that other bodies may be found in the ruins, as at least thirteen children are still missing, and have not been heard from since the fire.

Desolation unspeakable hangs over the vicinity of the school and the whole village of Collinwood. The school board met in special session at the temporary morgue late this afternoon to discuss the calamity, while the coroner prepared to hold an inquest to determine the cause and make the responsibility for the fire.

Word was received in Cleveland to-night that Governor Andrew L. Harris has ordered the State officers to make a prompt and searching investigation into the cause of the Collinwood disaster. He also directed that the examination extend to public schools generally.

The Collinwood Council to-night began investigation. Several measures were examined, but no important information was developed.

All-Day Meeting for Divine Healing.—An all-day meeting for divine healing will be held in the West End Rescue Mission to-day. Services at 10:30, 2:30 and 5 P. M. Prayer will be offered for the sick. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Japan's Budget Passed.—TOKYO, March 4.—The budget passed the House of Peers without amendment.

MAY WED A MARQUIS



MISS ELIZABETH SHERLEY.

Famous Bluegrass beauty, who is reported engaged to the Marquis de Mores. The report of the engagement comes from abroad, where Miss Sherley and her mother have spent much of their time in the past few years. After the death of Miss Sherley's father, Mr. Brannan Sherley, a few years ago, she went to New York with her mother. Soon after this she was reported engaged to Tom Shelby, the famous football captain, but this was unfounded. The Marquis de Mores was educated at Yale. His mother was Miss Modern Van Hoffman, of a Knickerbocker family of New York. His father was a crackshot and duelist of note.

TO VOTE FOR TAFT UNTIL HE IS NAMED

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sons of color alone are unfair, un-American and repugnant to the supreme law of the land, we favor the reduction of representation in Congress and the electoral college in all States of this Union where white and colored citizens are disfranchised, to the end that the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States may be enforced according to its letter and spirit.

Roosevelt and Taft.—The speedy completion of the Panama Canal, the development, step by step, of popular government in the Philippines and the continued expansion of American influence and trade in the interest of peace and progress among the nations of the earth.

"These are the policies of the Republican party as exemplified in the administration of Theodore Roosevelt. We endorse his splendid administration and declare that neither halt nor retreat shall be sounded in the march toward better government. We specifically approve the enactment of the railroad rate law, the strengthening of the supervisory powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the prosecution of illegal trusts and monopolies, and of evil-doers, both in the public service and in the commercial world, together with the enforcement of all wholesome measures which have made safe the guarantee of life, liberty and property."

The platform then deals with State questions. Secretary Taft is endorsed in the following language:

"Once more Ohio presents to the nation a candidate for the presidency. In this convention, chosen upon a call for a primary election providing for a specific choice for President of the United States, we send greetings to Republicans everywhere, and announce with pride and devotion that every delegate here assembled is instructed for William H. Taft. He is the man equipped for the day and its duties. His conspicuous part in the achievement of a greater America; his broad knowledge and experience in law in government; his genius for world peace and advancement; his rare tact and sturdy courage, and more than all else, his steadfast devotion to the enduring policies of Republicanism make the Ohio candidate an ideal leader for 1908. We pledge him our earnest and loyal support, and instruct our delegates to the national convention to vote for him."

Will Report Bill, But Don't Approve.—(Continued From First Page.) big work. We want to give the city of Richmond a good building, not one which will meet the requirements of business, but one which shall be worthy of the city in point of beauty. It should be remembered that the Supervising Architect's office now has under way the erection of about seventy-five buildings authorized by the last public buildings bill. It is an enormous task to design all these buildings, award the contracts and get the work of construction actually under way.

The bill introduced by Captain Lamb, increasing the limit of cost of the public buildings bill, to \$1,800,000, with a view to acquiring the entire block, is pending in the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and he is exerting every effort to have it incorporated in the public buildings bill which will be reported in the course of the next month.

The chances of success are very poor.

And the chances are that Richmond will not have a new post-office before the autumn of 1910. Representative Jones will introduce a bill to reduce the taxes of residents on the government reservation at Old Point. At present they have to pay one-half the cost of sewerage and street lighting, etc. Owing to the fact that the Hygeia Hotel has been torn down, the residents have moved off the reservation, those who remain feel that it is a hardship to them to have to pay such a large proportion of the cost of conveniences. Mr. Jones will introduce a bill to reduce the amount to 25 per cent. He says he thinks the Secretary of War, who controls the reservation, will approve the bill.

Representative Hay introduced a bill to-day authorizing the Secretary of War to loan the city of Winchester two brass or bronze cannon, with an outfit of cannon balls, to be placed at the headquarters of General George Washington, in that city. The old building was purchased by the city some years ago.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.—Richmond's weather was cool and partly cloudy. Range of the thermometer: 12 M. 56 3 P. M. 45 12 M. 49 9 P. M. 42 3 P. M. 47 12 midnight 39 Average 41

Highest temperature yesterday 56
Lowest temperature yesterday 42
Mean temperature yesterday 47
Normal temperature yesterday 42
Departure from normal temperature 1
Precipitation—Trace.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.—(At 8 P. M. Eastern Time.)

Place	Ther.	H.T.	Weather
Ashville	56	48	Rain
Augusta	56	58	Cloudy
Atlanta	54	60	Clear
Buffalo	54	26	Clear
Charlotte	50	60	Cloudy
Chicago	34	36	Cloudy
Detroit	24	30	Clear
Hartford	40	48	Clear
Jacksonville	54	66	Cloudy
Kansas City	44	44	Rain
Memphis	55	66	Clear
New Orleans	72	78	Clear
Oklahoma City	48	68	Cloudy
Pittsburg	48	44	P. cloudy
Raleigh	48	52	P. cloudy
Tampa	70	80	Clear
Washington	44	46	Clear
Wilmington	56	66	Cloudy
Yellowstone	10	14	Snow

MINIATURE ALMANAC.—March 6, 1908.

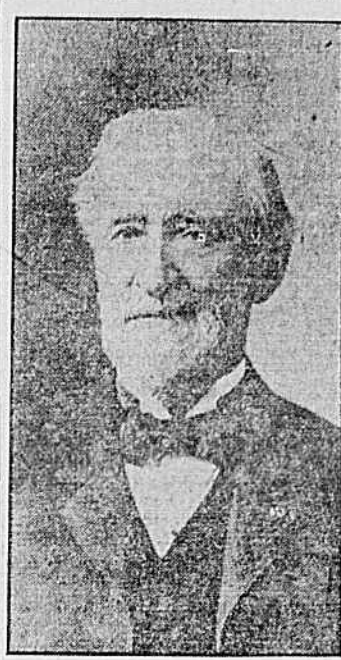
Sun rises	6:37	High tide	6:36
Sun sets	6:06	Morning	6:36
Moon sets	8:50	Evening	7:03

SENATOR PROCTOR DIES AFTER WEEK'S ILLNESS

Attack of Grip Develops Into Pleurisy, Which He Is Too Feeble to Withstand.

ONE OF SENATE'S RICHEST MEN

Staff Officer During War, Secretary of War Under Harrison, Once Governor of Vermont.



SENATOR REDFIELD PROCTOR.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—United States Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vermont, died at his apartments at the Champlain here at 4:50 o'clock this afternoon, after a short illness, following an attack of grip.

Senator Proctor, 70 years of age, was the Governor of Vermont from 1880 to 1884. He was a member of the Vermont legislature from 1870 to 1874.

The Senator had been confined to his room for about a week. His illness was diagnosed as grip, which later developed into pleurisy, with pneumonia complications, which affected the heart and which in his feeble condition, proved too much for his powers of resistance. He had been in feeble health ever since the assembling of Congress, and it was remarked by his friends that for the first time in their recollection he had failed to return from his usual summer fishing trip in the high state of health which he always enjoyed.

Senator Proctor is survived by his wife, two sons—Fletcher D. Proctor, Governor of Vermont, and Redfield Proctor Jr.—and a daughter, Miss Emily D. Proctor.

No announcement of the death was made to the Senate. The information was communicated to Vice-President Fairbanks, and the Senate adjourned. It was not desired to formally announce the death, for the reason that it was thought best to lay aside business for an entire day in respect to the Senator's memory. The body will be taken to the old home at Proctorsville, Vt.

Senator Proctor had been an important factor in the politics and business interests of Vermont for many years, and was reputed to be one of the wealthiest members of the Senate. He was largely interested in the marble industry, and served as a member of the Vermont Marble Association. He was also a member of the Vermont State Bar Association, and was a member of the Vermont State Legislature from 1870 to 1874.

He was born in Proctorsville, June 1, 1831, and served in the Vermont State Militia, and as Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Maria Baldwin.—Mrs. Maria Baldwin, widow of Mr. Charles A. Baldwin, of Richmond, died Tuesday in the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Robert Munford, of Macon, Ga.

The body will be brought to Richmond to-day. Funeral services will be held from her home, 306 West Franklin Street, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Funeral of Mr. Gibson.—(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RED HILL, VA., March 4.—The funeral of Walter Gibson, thirty-five years old, member of the Albemarle Hardware Company, of Charlottesville, took place on Monday, the 2d instant, at the Hardware Baptist Church about three miles east of this place. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Pleasant, of Charlottesville, and Rev. R. H. Bowden, pastor of Hardware Church. Mr. Gibson died on Sunday morning at his home in Charlottesville, after a brief illness with pneumonia.

He was one of the most popular young business men in Charlottesville. He was an Odd-Fellow and a Junior American Mechanic. He leaves a wife and three children.

DEATHS

BALDWIN.—Died, suddenly, in Macon, Ga., Tuesday morning, March 3d, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Robert Munford, of Macon, Ga.

HATKE.—Died, March 4, 1908, at 3 A. M. EDWARD JOSEPH, infant son of Louis E. and Jennie Keegan Hatke, aged five months.

Funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the residence, 202 South Fourth Street, where the body was lying in state. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Pleasant, of Charlottesville, and Rev. R. H. Bowden, pastor of Hardware Church.

GOODMAN.—Died, at 6 A. M., February 22, 1908, in her thirteenth year, Miss LUCILE BLEDSOE GOODMAN, at the residence of her parents, James C. and Dava C. Goodman, near Sabet, Goochland county, Va.

The patient, in suffering and marked consideration for those around her during eight weeks of painful illness was unusual for one so young, and was unmistakable evidence of the work of the Spirit of God in the heart that only a few months before had been given to its Master.

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PERSONAL AND MENTION.

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The deceased and her husband were of the same age—eighty-one years—and would have been married sixty years next Sunday.

She was long a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. Beasley, after which the remains were taken to her former home, Portsmouth, Va., for interment.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 4.—Mrs. W. L. G. Mitchell, of Lancaster county, mother of Mrs. W. J. Harrison of this city, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank W. Motley, at Sharp's Wharf, after long illness, aged seventy-six years.

MR. MOLLIE JONES.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., March 4.—Mrs. Mollie Jones died at her home, Friday, Sunday, following a long illness. She was sixty-six years old and is survived by two sons, Messrs. Ed. and Len Jones, and one daughter. Interment was in the family cemetery.

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Funeral of Bishop Duncan.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 4.—Funeral services for Bishop W. W. Duncan, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were held here to-day being conducted by Dr. J. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., assisted by Bishops Hoss of Tennessee; Atkins of North Carolina and Candler of Georgia. Many ministers from North and South Carolina were present. The interment was in Oakwood Cemetery.

TWO WOMEN ROBBED

Thief Jumped on Rear of Buggy, Snatched Pocketbook, and Fled.

While driving along Eleventh Street, between Broad and Marshall, yesterday afternoon, two young women were

robbed of \$5 by a thief, who jumped on the rear of their buggy. He snatched the pocketbook and disappeared. The women were too badly frightened at the moment to give the alarm, although they later reported the affair to the police.

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